

**COLORADO RECREATION RESOURCE ADVISORY
FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT
NEW FEE OR FEE CHANGE
PROPOSAL FORM**

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Name of Project Area/Site: Crescent Mine Cabin

Project Contact Person: Bridget Roth

Position Title & Phone #: Archaeologist, Mountain Heritage Associates, (303) 275-5047

Forest: _San Isabel **County:**_Chaffee

Ranger District:_Leadville **Congressional District:**_

BLM Field Office__

Site Type (Cabin, Campground, Area, etc): Cabin

Capacity: 4 beds **Season of Use:** Year Round

Fee Type: Standard Amenity___ Expanded Amenity_X___ Special Rec. Permit___

Proposed Action: New fee X___ Change of fee___

Existing Fee: \$ 0

Proposed Fee: \$ 55 / night

Date of last fee increase: N/A

Summary of **benefits** the public receives or will receive:

- Provide a unique primitive overnight experience in a preserved historic landscape
- Provide a “launch point” for other recreational opportunities in the area
- Entice tourists to nearby towns and attractions
- Learn about public lands conservation and historic preservation

Facilities/Amenities Checklist (check all that apply, list each site separately):

Site Name:___

1. X Designated developed parking
2. X Permanent toilet facility: ___Flush X Vault
3. ___Permanent trash receptacle
4. ___Interpretive sign, exhibit or kiosk
5. X Picnic tables
6. ___Security services

Other Amenities: ___ Garbage Removal, ___ Paved Access Road, ___ Drinking Water,

___ Information/Directional signs, ___ Shower/Bath House, ___ Tent Pads, ___ Electricity, ___ RV Hookups, ___ Fire Rings/Grills, X Other (Propane Heat), X Wood burning stove

Photo(s):



Map (HIRA's show boundaries and ID amenities):



Setting & General Description (include description of the site, natural resources/features, scenic values, recreational attractions, amenities, current/projected visitation, etc.):

The cabins are excellent examples of the expedient construction that mining companies often employed to house their workers. The types of buildings at the Crescent Mine historic site were not meant to be permanent. It is rare to find mining sites with intact worker's cabins in their original locations, such as those found at Crescent Mine. All the cabins at the Crescent Mine site are simply designed log structures representative of Pioneer Log cabins in a mountain mining community. The cabin proposed for fee collection on the Crescent Mine site has been restored to maximize the recreation experience while maintaining the feeling and sense of place provided by the intact and unique historic mining landscape.

The surrounding area provides a variety of recreational opportunities. The site is very close to the Collegiate Peaks Wilderness, and provides close-by access to numerous trailheads, including the Continental Divide Trail.

The site has limited services, including a vault toilet and propane heat. There is no water or electricity, and linen service will not be provided. The site is accessible by car during the summer and high clearance vehicle in the winter.

NRHP Eligibility (Cabins/Structures): Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 10/11/2003 and Listed on the State Register of Historic Places, 9/10/2003

Archeologist's concurrence: ___Y ___N

Comments: All modifications to the building and contributing elements to the site shall be made according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation.

2. CURRENT AND PROJECTED REVENUES and ANNUAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE COSTS

See Attachment A: Revenue/Cost projection spreadsheet.

3. COST OF BACKLOG WORK NEEDS:

Roads/Parking Areas:	\$ 23,000
Building/Facilities:	\$ 0
Water/Waste water Systems:	\$ 0
Associated Trails:	\$ 0
Signs:	\$ 1,200
Other (list):	\$ _
Total:	\$ 24,200

4. FEE COLLECTION METHOD AND ESTIMATED FEE COLLECTION COSTS

Method: NRRS

Costs:

Note: No collection costs are incurred for sites under the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS).

5. FEE DETERMINATION PROCESS SUMMARY

Fair Market Value Comparison (compare similar fees at other FS, state, federal, or private recreation sites in the area with similar facilities & services):

Facility type(s): Vacation rental cabins; Lodge facilities with individual cabins for rent; Cabins currently in the Forest Service Cabin Rental Program

Number of facilities compared: 27

Proximity to project area: Facilities compared were in the towns and surrounding areas of Leadville, Twin Lakes, Granite, Buena Vista and Northrop, Colorado

Price range: Prices of the compared private facilities ranged from \$65/night to \$235/night. Prices of cabins currently in the Forest Service Historic Cabin Rental program range between \$50/night to \$75/night.

Selected fee and method: The fee selected for the individual cabin at Crescent Mine is \$55. This price was determined based on several factors, including 1) maintaining congruency with the current rental price of other similar cabins in the Forest Service Cabin Rental program; 2) comparable price for other small cabin rental operations in the

private sector; and 3) expectations of incorporating an additional cabin at the Crescent Mine site within the next few years.

Comments: All information regarding current available cabin rental properties is managed in an Access database. All information about available cabin rentals within the Arkansas River Valley was collected from internet sources. Data can be provided upon request.

6. PLANNED USE OF FEES RETURNED TO SITE (list by priority; include daily O&M if appropriate; add to list if appropriate)

1. Install interpretive signs (\$1,200)
2. Move primitive road away from cabins (\$23,000)
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

7. CUSTOMER/PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MECHANISM TYPES

- Site Monitoring
- Customer Survey Card
- Comment Log / Cabin Guest Book
- Newspaper Articles
- Website Listing
- E-mails
- Direct Mail
- Personal Contacts
- On-site Posting
- Other (list): _

See Attachment B: Summary of Public Involvement for details.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RESULTS

See Attachment B: Summary of Public Involvement for details.

9. ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS

List and reference additional information (documents) that can be provided upon request to document this project proposal and the public response.

10. PROJECT SUBMITTAL & CERTIFICATION

Project Submittal:

This recreation site is already, or being submitted for inclusion as, a fee site under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA). This proposal has been reviewed by representatives on the unit. I understand that any reservations must be made through the NRRS system. I also fully understand and agree to comply with the accounting and reporting requirements necessary to participate in the fee program.

/s/ Bob Leaverton
Forest Supervisor/ BLM Field Manager

May 13, 2008
Date

Project Certification:

This recreation site is already, or is now forwarded as, a fee site and the proposed fee schedule is forwarded to the RRAC for their review under REA.

/s/ Paul E. Cruz
Recreation Fee Board Chair

May 12, 2008
Date

BLM Washington Office Review ____Y ____N

RRAC Project Recommendation:

This site and proposed fee schedule is ____ / is not ____ recommended as a fee site.
This recreation site is already a fee site and the proposed fee schedule is ____ / is not ____ recommended to the Secretary for acceptance under REA.

Colorado Recreation RAC Chair

Date

Project Acceptance:

This site and proposed fee schedule is ____ / is not ____ accepted as, a fee site.
This recreation site is already a fee site and the proposed fee schedule is ____ / is not ____ accepted by the Secretary under REA.

Regional Forester/BLM State Director

Date